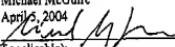


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2003 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request continued examination in the application and entry of the following amendment to the above-identified case as follows:

Petition for Extension of Time. Applicant herewith petitions for a two-month extension of time to respond to the above-identified office action. In the event that an extension of time is required and applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need to petition for such extension, the applicant hereby petitions for such extension of time.

Fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Skadden Arps' deposit account 19-2385:

Petition fee for any petition identified above.

Any additional fees required in connection with this submission.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.